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"Let us say that Smith," the Board of Trade man quoted in the previous editorial, "is one of your townspeople. He is a buoyant fellow, full of appreciation of the present advantages of your town, and its possibilities for growth. He goes off some day to spend a week end with his wife's relations, and incidentally gets to talking about your town. He tells what a good place it is to live in and to do business in."

TOWN PROMOTION

"A few months later it appears that some young man in the town visited by Smith is contemplating the starting of a new industry. He has a little capital, but finds that his own home people are indifferent to him. The words of your friend Smith had been heard by him. It strikes him that your town must be an excellent place to get a start in. He writes to Smith, who invites the young man to his home and later introduces him to the business men about town. He gets the glad hand, and inside of a few months your town has a new industry."

"I believe," said the Board of Trade man, "that in the majority of cases new industries locate somewhat in that way. Some are founded in response to appeals and circulars sent out by boards of trade. The majority come because a town has acquired a reputation for hustling, and for business and residence advantages."

"Of course, Smith might go visiting for a hundred week ends, talk his relatives blind about the advantages of his town, and never interest a soul to think of moving there. Yet the hundred and first time he might strike someone who was thinking of entering some new venture, and might bring something back to his home community."

"If one hundred men in any town," concluded the speaker, "would make it their practice on all possible occasions to say a word tactfully—never forcing the subject—to people from other towns as to the advantages of their home place, in time this would create quite a widespread reputation. Some of the people that heard about the town would be interested to make further inquiries. A few of them would be likely to move in and bring some good business with them."

A town grows and is built up by its reputation, was the conclusion. To secure that reputation the citizens of that town must do all they can to spread information about its advantages. From a thousand chance seeds of information and helpfulness, a few will bear fruit. It may seem luck and chance, but it is really the result of a community habit of push and expansion and search for new opportunity.

And now everyone wants to know what Germany is going to say.

The deplorable situation resulting from the destruction of the Lusitania raises again the question whether there is any such thing as longer international law. The liberties and systems of teaching that have grown up under the title today seem to have vanished into thin air.

There are in many collections of human beings a great many who observe laws only from fear or force. Plenty of men would steal and kill did they not fear the penalty. But there is no penalty for breaking international law. An international police force may some day maintain by force the validity of such codes or rules as may be agreed upon, but it may be many years before any such force can be created.

A strong public sentiment is always enormously helpful in maintaining any sort of a code. In business life, law is not the only thing that keeps the banker or the merchant honest. They know that trickery will hurt and perhaps ruin their business. Consequently the great bulk of everyday business transactions are square and on the level, not so much from fear of law, as from fear of public sentiment and loss of reputation.

In the matter of keeping national agreements, sentiment seems less well defined. Formerly no nation ever thought of keeping its pledges when they were contrary to its interest. During the past century there has been a decided advance in this particular. But Europe has always scoffed at such promises. When the United States promised to retire from Cuba, few of the foreign diplomats believed that the promise would amount to anything. But it did. Yet there are plenty of people in our country who would favor the breaking of any national pledge. If they felt it would temporarily help American interests.

Here, then, appears the task of each citizen in the present world-catastrophe. It is to do his share to create public sentiment in favor of the most rigid keeping of national agreements. Breaking of international law should become as disgraceful as stealing money from a bank. Let it become a point of honor to support no man for United States office unless he has a clean record on this world issue.

SPEAKERS AT SATURDAY RALLY

Speakers for the Boys' and Girls' Club Rally and the Women's Canning Club Rally, which will be held here Saturday, have been announced by L. H. Fash, Farm Agent, in whose charge the event will be held. The program includes the following speakers: Prof. John S. Swain, of the A. and M. College; Miss Emma A. Chandler, of the same institution; Prof. J. T. Ryle, of Bokchito, formerly of the Agriculture Department of the Normal School here; President Canterbury, of the S. E. Normal, and Mayor James Yarbrough of Durant. The meeting will be held in the court house at ten o'clock in the morning, where the music will be furnished by the Boys' Orchestra of the Normal.

Following the meeting a picnic dinner will be served to the visitors at the city park, after which it is planned to give the visitors free automobile rides over the city, although this is not assured at the time the News goes to press.

THE SUMMER NORMAL OPENS MONDAY

The Summer Term of the South-eastern State Normal opens next Monday, the 24th, and lasts for ten weeks, after which the teachers will be given a few weeks respite before the regular fall and winter term commences. It is believed that the enrollment at this summer term will be the largest ever had here, and will include teachers and others from all of the fourteen counties comprising the Normal's territory. Many eminent lecturers and instructors in various subjects have been employed for the faculty of the summer term, in addition to the regular Normal faculty.

NO CREDITS FOR COUNTY PRISONERS

A ruling of the Attorney General's office is to the effect that the laws of Oklahoma do not provide for credits for county prisoners for good time as is the case with prisoners in the state penitentiary.

KIERSEY ITEMS

A house one and one-half miles south on the Harrison farm, burned Sunday. A man who was living in the house says that everything was destroyed. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Mr. Harrison said he had some insurance on the house.

Mrs. Macready has returned from an extended visit to Kingfisher.

Jim Trout and wife were visiting Con Kiersey Saturday and Sunday.

Virgil and Joe Lummard of Roberts were visiting their grandparents last week.

Rev. B. T. Robinson was called to Folsom Grove to marry a couple recently.

Mrs. G. F. Houk attended church at Durant Sunday.

Peanut planting is the order of the day, although corn planting is in progress.

Rev. Sanders attended church at Silo Sunday.

Prof. Macready was in Durant Saturday on business.

Bud Rich and wife were called to the Twelve Mile Prairie Thursday to see Mrs. Rich's son-in-law, who is reported quite sick.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RALLY AT ACHILLE

The Sunday School at Achille is making plans for a big rally day, on Sunday, May 30th, and have sent invitations to all of the Sunday Schools in that vicinity to spend the day with them. A children's parade in the morning and Sunday School in the grove adjoining the town and preaching services will take up the forenoon, and then dinner on the grounds. Everyone is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets and enjoy the services of the day. The afternoon will be devoted to addresses by well-known Sunday School workers, and among them will be representatives from the County Association. Remember the date, Sunday, May 30th. Come and bring your basket, well-filled.

REVIVAL AND BASEBALL GAME

Next Sunday the M. O. & G. will operate a motor excursion to Denison on account of the Ham-Ramsay revival and the baseball game between Sherman and Denison. Those who desire to go will have the unique distinction of witnessing the baseball game and the revival services at the same time. In other words, one may be seated in the big tabernacle listening to the words of the great revivalist, and at the same time keep an eye on the plays occurring on the baseball diamond. The revival tabernacle is located in one end of the city park and the baseball grounds in another part.

NOTICE TO CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIDOWS

Applications for Confederate Pensions under the recent act of the last Legislature may be had by application to this office when applications are on hand. The Attorney General has ruled that these Pension applications must be filed with the Board of Pension Commissioners through the County Judge's office of the county wherein the applicant resides, so any Confederate soldiers or their widows desiring to apply for a pension under this act write this office, and when blanks are on hand they will be forwarded.

Blanks will be sent to Confederate soldiers and their widows only. Other parties desiring them will apply to the Board of Pension Commissioners at Oklahoma City for such blanks.

Respectfully,

J. L. Rapapole,

County Judge.

WHO'S WHO HERE

Away back in 1876 Pike county, Missouri, was an old and well-conditioned district, but she had a number of fine young lads, and she contributed one of her best to what is now known as Bryan county.

Mr. A. S. Hamilton, more fondly known to nearly every person in the county as "Clipper," is a native of Old Pike, which was originally put on the map by Joe Bowers, of song and memory, and kept there con-



A. S. HAMILTON

tinually since by the great Champ Clark. Therefore, we find the man who was first and second sheriff of Bryan county came from first-class stock from a first-class county in a first-class state.

Mr. Hamilton came to what was then Blue county overland in 1876, and pitched his first camp with his relatives who came with him, on the banks of Little Blue river which skirts the edge of Twelve Mile Prairie. Clipper was a mere boy of about eight years at that time, but he became passionately fond of the Indian country the first day he came and has remained steadfast to his first love to this good day.

Mr. Hamilton's ancestors were people of the soil—that good, old, sturdy stock that has borne most of the burdens of America since the day that the Mayflower sighted the land near Plymouth Rock. His forebears were tillers of the soil in Virginia; thence through Kentucky to Missouri, and the same work is continued in Oklahoma by the former sheriff himself. And Clipper Hamilton knows how to farm; he owns a modest number of acres in a good section of the county, and he applies to it all the knowledge of agriculture that he inherited from his kinsmen who helped to hew Virginia out of the wilderness. Mr. Hamilton knows what hard, rugged labor is, and there is not a more industrious man anywhere than he. All his life was spent on the farms, with the exception of a few brief years he spent in the mercantile business and in the sheriff's office. He has been on his farm every day since he has been out of office and he turns his hands to anything that is to be done on the place, dignifying honest labor with the sweat of his brow and his natural love of the farmer's life.

Mr. Hamilton, as is well known to everybody, was elected first sheriff of Bryan county in 1907, just after the stormy days of the great statehood fight, and no sheriff anywhere in the United States at any period ever had a more complicated state of affairs to handle than he and his official family. Situations, entirely impossible in any other country under the sun, sprang up almost every day, but the wise sheriff's diplomacy and splendid judgment piloted his administration over all the pitfalls that lay in his path, and a most remarkable fact was the report of the State Inspector who was pleased to say that Sheriff Hamilton's office was the cleanest, best managed and in best condition in all things of any in Oklahoma. This was a compliment that the sheriff and his staff were justly proud of, and also was a tribute to the worthiness of the whole of Bryan county.

Mr. Hamilton was elected to succeed himself, and no man ever left a public office of like nature with more well wishers nor more firm friends than the able sheriff. And without having the least idea of his future intentions in the matter, the writer of this brief sketch has positive information that there is a strong move on foot to have Mr. Hamilton become a candidate for sheriff next year. Pretty much the same as a wireless telegraph station works, this movement has been flashed to all parts of the county by some unseen and unaccountable power until it seems that almost every person in the county knows of it. Mr. Hamilton has had no part nor parcel in any statements that may have been made in his behalf. It is

known that he has asked his friends not to announce that he would be a candidate. In fact, he had to be almost hog-tied and dragged before a camera to get the above snap-shot of him, and he requested the writer not to say anything of a political nature. But a farmer has his work to do, and a writer has his work to do also. Therefore, it will not be amiss to state that the pressure of his friends from all sections of the county is going to be so strong to have him become a candidate for the office of sheriff that it will take an iron man to decline it.

Clipper Hamilton is one of those most irresistible geniuses when it comes to making and keeping friends. He is the self-same Clipper in town or on the farm—a gentleman all the time. He knows how to be firm when firmness is necessary, but his firmness is tempered with justice and good sense. No county ever had a more ideal officer than Clipper Hamilton. His hypnotic smile and even manner are more disastrous to the evil doer than a dozen six-pistols would be in the hands of other officers. He is naturally a diplomat, and had he a hand in some of The Hague conventions it is more than safe to say there would be more peace and less war, and no trickery at all. His proverbial good nature has won more victories for the public good than most people know anything about.

It is not the intention of this department of this paper to boost any man for office. In good truth, these little sketches are written by one who has no connection with the paper at all, except in a most friendly way, and the articles are merely for the purpose of saying good things about good men. And there are so many good points in the make-up of Clipper Hamilton that one scarcely knows where to begin. He is by nature a plain man of the plain people, endowed with more than the usual amount of good, hard sense, a heart as near to pure gold as it could be framed in flesh, a fine citizen in every sense of the word, and truly in love with Bryan county and her great people.

HIGH ESTIMATES HAVE GOOD EFFECT ON MARKETS

Kansas City Cattle Receipts for Wednesday Fell Off 1,000 Head From Estimates of the Day Before, Other Market Information.

Kansas City Stockyards, May 19—Early estimates on cattle receipts for today were too high, at 9,000 head, and when this number was cut to 8,000 it had a good effect on the market, and sales were steady to strong. Trains were late arriving and a cold rain acted against cattle taking fills, the latter condition being used by salesmen to good effect in getting strong prices. Heavy steers sold about steady, with some big Colorados at \$8.50, 20 cents above what similar cattle brought last week. Medium weight cattle, around 1,200 pounds average, sold up to \$8.55, and yearling heifers brought \$9. Bulk of the native fed steers sold at \$7.90 to \$8.50, cows \$6.25 to 7.25, top cows \$7.40 and \$7.50, bulk of heifers \$7.25 to \$8.25, bulls \$6.25 to \$6.75, veals \$9.00 to \$10.25. Colorado pulp fed steers sold to killers this week at \$8.00 to \$8.50. Montana hay fed steers, of which two big trains have been received this week, sold at \$7.75 to \$8. This last to killers. These steers weighed 1,140 to 1,400 pounds average. Quarantine steers in light supply, but worth \$6.75 to \$8.25, some Texas bulls in quarantine division today, 1,125 pounds average, at \$6.50. Stockers and feeders are firm, best feeders around \$8.25, a few at \$8.40, stockers at \$7.00 to \$8.35. Seasonable rains are bringing the pastures along in fine shape, which makes country demand strong. Hogs sold 10 to 15 lower today, under the influence of liberal supplies at all the markets, 20,000 head here. Top was \$7.50, paid by order buyers, who paid \$7.40 to \$7.50 for their hogs, packers getting their droves at \$8.30 to \$8.42 1-2, bulk of all sales \$8.35 to \$8.45. The late market was active, order buyers paying \$7.45, and packers \$7.40 for a good many hogs. The big run today was unexpected, and is regarded as a periodical clean up, incident to a lull in spring field work, rather than an indication of continued heavy supplies. Sheep and lambs arrived to the number of \$9,000, market steady. Good to choice fed Western lambs are about all marketed, some medium grass fed westerns around \$10.50, and two doubles of choice fed Arizona fed lambs, at \$11.15, comprising the lamb offerings. Arizona ewes

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brought \$7.35 to \$7.70, a string of 1,000 Texas brusher goats \$5.20, fat goats 10 to 15 lower this week, at \$5 to \$5.35, Texas muttons \$7.00 to \$7.75.

J. A. Rickart,

Market Correspondent.

PLANTING PETS WITH CORN

Every corn field should also be a pea field, if peas will grow on the farm. Much is gained by planting peas in corn and nothing need be lost. Peas improve the soil, furnish grazing for stock and increase the value of the crop. In some instances peas planted between the corn rows have produced nearly as much income as the corn, and both together much more than either one alone.

BALLASTING M. O. & G. TRACKS

The work of ballasting the road-bed of the M. O. & G. Ry. Co. commenced this week at Bromide, and will be continued until all the track-ages from that point to Denison is thoroughly ballasted with crushed rock. The immense rock crushers were unloaded early this week at Bromide, and a large force of men are at work.

NO SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED

The Durant Board of Education had a meeting Monday night for the purpose of electing a superintendent for the public schools for the coming year, but no election was had. There were several applicants for the position, and the time was taken up with a discussion of the relative merits of the respective applicants. The election will probably be held next Monday night.

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Land.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in pursuance of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, on the 17 day of May, A. D. 1915, in an action lately pending therein, wherein the Merchants Loan & Trust Company, was Plaintiff, and Jasper N. Freeman, and Jasper N. Freeman, as Administrator of the estate of Maria J. Freeman, deceased, were the Defendants, directed to me, the undersigned Sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahoma, commanding me to levy upon, advertise and sell, without appraisal, the following described real estate and premises located in Bryan County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The West half of Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Seven (7) South, Range Nine (9) East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, being Twenty (20) acres of land;

To satisfy a judgment and decree of foreclosure in favor of the said above named Plaintiff and against the said above named Defendants, obtained and rendered in the said Court on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1914, for the sum of Five Hundred Forty-four and 50-100 (\$544.50) Dollars, with interest thereon from date of said judgment until paid at the rate of Ten per cent, per annum, together with all costs, including an Attorney's fee taxed therein, and accruing costs, I will, on the 21 day of June, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. on said date, at the front door of the County Court House in the said County of Bryan, City of Durant, State of Oklahoma, offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, at Public Auction, and for cash in hand, the said property above described, for the purpose of satisfying the said Judgment, interest and costs, and costs of sale.

WITNESS MY HAND AS SHERIFF Of said Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, on this 19 day of May, A. D. 1915.

John A. Phillips,

Sheriff of Bryan County,

Oklahoma.

By Dave Wright, Deputy.

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